

COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, January 5, 2021, and it is a legislative day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is continuing to conduct our meetings on-line during this time and it seems this may be the way we will be holding our meetings for the foreseeable future due to concerns about the spread of the COVID virus.

Our meetings are televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV, and while we are meeting virtually, we will continue to use our software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings in order to watch us on that format.

You may still send us comments via email at: (Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov), or by calling our office line (301) 600-1135 and leaving a voicemail message. Or using our virtual format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to listen to our meetings live and to give public comment. I will be giving instructions for how to give public comment before each portion of our meeting when public comment will be received. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions in a round robin type fashion, calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will come back around as often as necessary until all questions are heard.

To begin our meeting, I will start with a roll call vote to determine a quorum. Just

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respond with “here”. Again, going in alphabetical order: CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. A quorum having been established, we will begin our meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-153 – Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division
- J-21-155 – Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Division
- J-21-156 – Planning & Permitting Division
- J-21-157 – Senior Services Division
- J-21-169 – Office of Economic Development, County Executive’s Office

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-153, J-21-155, J-21-156, J-21-157, and J-21-169 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		

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At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
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Approval of Minutes from September 22, November 24, December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22, 2020 and Closed Session Minutes September 22, 2020.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from September 22, November 24, December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22, 2020 and Closed Session Minutes September 22, 2020 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Hearing on the State FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application and Resolution

Robert Shen, Department Head, Department of Engineering & Construction Management (DECM), Division of Public Works (DPW); David Olney, Engineering Supervisor, and Luz Padua-Perez, Engineer II, DECM, DPW, presented information to the Council for the Public Hearing on the State FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application and Resolution.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the resolution that authorizes DPW to submit a SFY 2021 CDBG grant application in the amount of \$400,000; two, provides the opportunity for public comments during the Council meeting and stay open until January 15, 2021; and, three, provides draft Council meeting minutes for inclusion in the CDBG application package. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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District 1 – Donald	X		
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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council took a break from 6:10 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

To Consider Bill No. 20-18 – Immigrant Affairs Commission

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater presented information on Proposed Bill No. 20-18 – Immigrant Affairs Commission.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Dr. Yewande Oladeinde
- Yannick
- Jane Tamagna
- Elizabeth Chung
- Dr. Lakshami Darbha
- Carol Antonowicz
- Dr. William Reid
- Sebastian Brown translating for Maria Rodriquez
- Maria Teresa Shuck
- Claudia Hernandez
- Flor Cantamia
- Ivania Amador
- Glenda Gonzalez
- Leticia Rodriguez
- Martin Nelson
- Dr. Oleboa Oledena
- Liz Barrett
- Rev. Dr. Eliezer Valentine-Castanon
- Margarita Gallegos
- Godfrey Newonde
- Cho

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- Bayron Cardona
- Mary Posey
- Amanda Sentelle
- Lisa Cologne
- Flor Garay

Voicemails:

- Brad Devlicar
- Goodcre Cor
- Sarah Movahed
- Deb Reynolds
- Rosario Campos
- Lisa Bromfield
- Jazmine Di'Cola
- Julia Page
- Pat Simons
- Guy Djoken
- Alexis Zabsonre

To Consider Bill No. 20-19 – Sign Modification in PUD and MDX

Council Member Kai Hagen presented information on Proposed Bill No. 20-19 – Sign Modification in PUD and MDX.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Eric Soter

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council